

AUTOMOBILISTS GIVE LIBERALLY TO FUND TO FIGHT NEW TAX

Appeal Meets With Quick
Response, and Case Will
Be Taken to High Court.

By HARRY WARD.

The fight against the so-called wheel tax is on in earnest. The motorists are responding to the appeal for funds to carry the matter to the Supreme Court of the United States, and the indications are a big sum will be raised. Able counsel will be obtained, and no efforts will be spared in the legal fight to have the tax declared unconstitutional.

A number of motorists who have paid their wheel tax have subscribed to the fund, because they think the tax is an unjust discrimination.

As the tax is in reality a tax on the seating capacity of the machine, automobile owners argue that if they submit to the present law they merely lay themselves open to more burdensome taxation, should Congress feel so disposed.

"If they put a tax on the seating capacity of our cars," said a prominent motorist today, "it is just as likely an effort will be made to tax the wheels, tops, windshields, or any one of the parts that enter into the construction of a car."

Declaring he did not think the authorities should put a tax on one form of wheeled vehicle that was not put on another, Robert N. Harper, president of the District National Bank, has joined the forces in the fight now being waged against the tax.

"Personally, I am not interested in the question of the tax for 1912, since I have already paid it," said Mr. Harper. "But I am interested on the grounds that this tax is an unjust discrimination which should not be allowed to exist."

One of the contributors to the fund is Harry Wardman, the real estate operator. Woodward & Lothrop, who operate a fleet of twenty motor trucks, have paid their wheel tax, but have made a generous contribution to the fund now being collected.

Le Roy Mark, against whom the original case was made, and who is heading the forces in the present fight, expressed himself as being well pleased with the promptness with which automobile owners are responding to the call for funds.

The American Automobile Association is taking an active interest in our fight," said Mr. Mark. "The case now pending here is vitally interesting to motor car owners throughout the country."

The Potomac Motor Car Company has been formed by V. N. Cushman and Arthur Foraker. They will handle the Marmion car, and will have temporary quarters at 1218 Connecticut avenue.

W. H. Marshall has retired from the Marshall-Parsons Company, agents for the S. G. V. He has been appointed

general manager of a taxicab company in Indianapolis. Fred Parsons will continue the S. G. V. agency under another firm name.

W. Elkins Road is having good success with the Gray & Davis automatic lighting system. During the past week three orders for this system were booked, each being for a high-grade car.

Miss Gladys Mackay-Smith has placed an order with the Stern Motor Car Company for a Hudson torpedo. It will be finished in green. T. M. McLaughlin has ordered a Hudson touring car from the same company.

The Marion Motor Car Company reports the sale of Marion roadsters to Jack Burns and J. F. Windom, and Marion touring cars to Joseph Bailey and J. W. Smith.

The Imperial Motor Company has booked an order from the Terminal Taxicab Company for twenty White taxicabs. The cars will be placed in service in the near future.

J. E. MacDonald, who has been manager of the Locomobile branch since its inception about two years ago, has tendered his resignation. He stated he was not ready at this time to announce his future plans.

Two new automobile agencies were established yesterday when H. B. Leary, jr., was appointed Washington agent for the Mitchell and Rambler cars. Both of these cars are made in Wisconsin and each has a big standing in the automobile world.

W. P. Barnhart & Co. report the sale of Everitt cars to the following: Eugene H. Taggart, H. E. Parshall, Dr. Vanderville, R. T. Mason, Theodore J. Ball, Dr. A. L. Peters, James A. Garner, and H. J. Miller.

Edward B. DeGraw, of the Postoffice Department, is the latest purchaser of an Overland car. Other Overland buyers during the week according to report made by the Overland-Washington Motor Company were Mary M. Jacobs, E. S. Rucker, Wilmet W. Trevelyan, J. W. Hurley, Dr. Claude C. Caylor, Joseph Walker, Robert Green, S. R. De Pue, Dr. L. D. Wilson, Warfield S. Rayley. Out-of-town sales were made to the following:

G. A. Kershner, Martinsburg, W. Va., two touring cars, delivery wagon and roadster; A. W. Denew, Norfolk, Va., three roadsters and nine touring cars; Overland Sales Company, Petersburg, Va., two roadsters; H. C. Borden, Middletown, Va., two roadsters and three touring cars; Dr. J. S. Eayman, Covington, Va., two touring cars and two roadsters; Layman and Jones, Bristol, Va., two touring cars; H. H. Huffman, Roanoke, Va., one roadster.

Order of Golden Cross Banquets at Freund's

Reminiscences, eulogy of the heads of the organization, and a musical program marked the annual banquet of the Order of the Golden Cross, held at Freund's last night. Past Grand Commander Robert E. Harvey outlined the history of the organization, and some of its aims. Personal reminiscences of the order were recited by Mrs. Mary A. Dow. A humorous talk on the "Good of the Order" was given by Prof. Court F. Wood. Grand Commander John H. A. Fowler acted as toastmaster.

Among those present at the banquet were Mrs. J. H. A. Fowler, Vice Grand Commander and Mrs. J. Graham Cole, Grand Keeper of Records and Mrs. William E. Graham, Grand Treasurer, and Mrs. Arthur E. Adams, Past Commander and Mrs. R. E. Harvey, Supreme Representative and Mrs. Joseph B. Bailey and about twenty others prominent in the ranks of the order.

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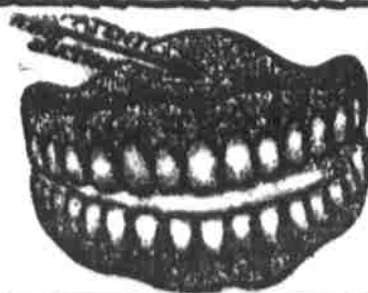
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